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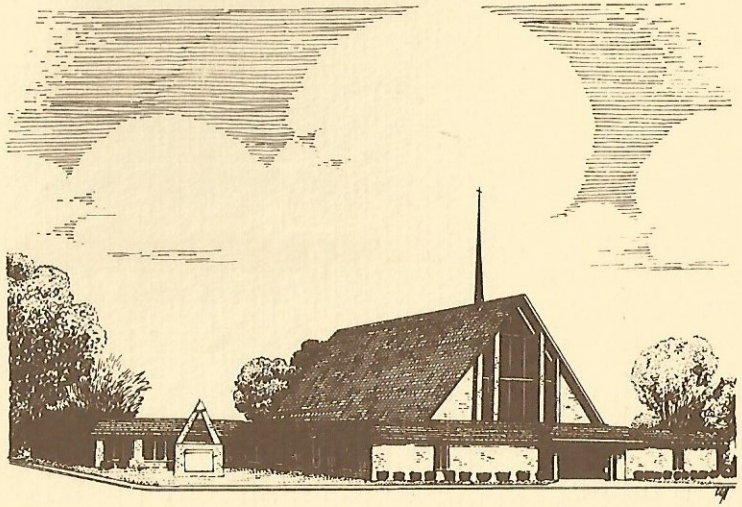
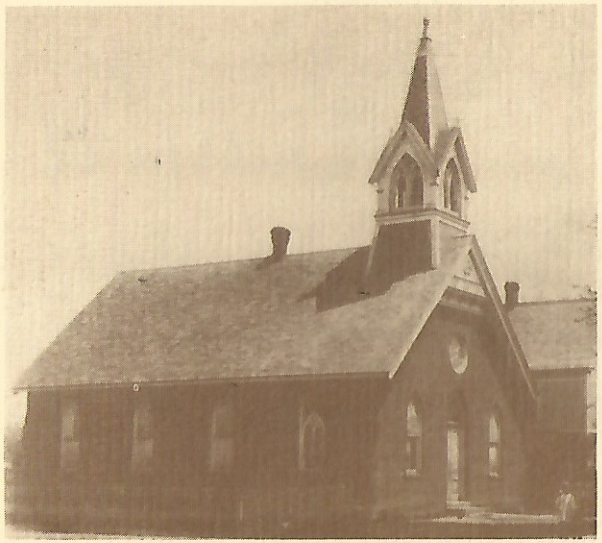
of

Pinckneyville, Illinois





Second Methodist Church Building

Completed
May 21, 1882
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Third Methodist Church Building

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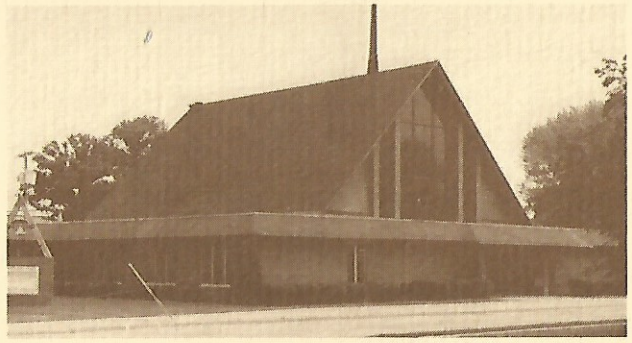


Present Methodist Church Building

Dedicated
January 30, 1977

INTRODUCTION

The following, an account of Methodism in Pinckneyville, Ill. is mainly a remembrance of dates and events. I have drawn upon the historical account of our Church, previously compiled by John D. Roe in 1962. He gave the following acknowledgments in his history.

"The references herein to the founding of Methodism in the U.S.A. were taken from the Church Discipline, the brief history of Perry County and of Pinckneyville are extracts from the history of Perry County compiled by Chas. H. Roe and the matters referring to the organization of the first Methodist Society, or church, in Pinckneyville, Ill., are taken from the History of Methodism in Perry County, prepared in 1883 by Mrs. Lucy M. Hamilton, a daughter of Humphrey B. Jones, and My Aunt."

The Methodist Church of Pinckneyville was not and is not a building on Mill and South streets; it is the people of past and present who use this building for their public worship of their Lord. People, believing and living the teachings of Jesus Christ, are the Methodist Church. An attempt to list the contributions of all individuals would be impossible. As John D. Roe wrote, "Let us revere all for the good they did while here on earth and let us pledge ourselves to carry on, from generation to generation, the traditions of our fathers and mothers, and others who have gone on before us. May our Church, through you and me, be a bright and shining light for Christianity, shining down on generations to come. We are living a history today to be studied and written tomorrow, and may the historian of tomorrow be able to accord to us a creditable page in the life of our Church."

Let us never take for granted the efforts of those who preceded us. Let us never grow complacent or self-satisfied in their shadow. May all our efforts be to the glorification of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Charles Wilson Roe

METHODISM

In 1737 A.D. Methodism was founded by John and Charles Wesley, brothers, of Oxford University in England, and through their work and preaching, particularly the preaching of John Wesley and the songs written by his brother, Charles, many Wesleyan Churches were established in England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1766 Philip Embury, a Wesleyan Local Preacher of Ireland, came to New York, New York, and began to preach. In 1784 a "Christmas Conference" was held in Baltimore, Maryland, at which time the plan of John Wesley was submitted and adopted. Thereupon there was organized the Methodist Episcopal Church (of America), and the Articles of Religion and the Sunday Service, prepared by John Wesley, were adopted: to which

was added an Article recognizing the civil government, and a ritual prayer for the rulers of the United States.

PERRY COUNTY

Perry County was formerly part of Jackson and Randolph Counties and was created by Act of the State Legislature, at its Fifth Session held at Vandalia, then the State capital, beginning December 4, 1826 and ending February 19th, 1927. The Act creating the county was approved January 29th, 1827 by Ninian Edwards, governor. The county was named in honor of Commodore Oliver H. Perry, the victor in the naval battle between the American and English squadrons of Lake Erie, December 10th, 1813.

PINCKNEYVILLE

After the establishment of the county, and the organization of a county government, the question of a county seat was necessarily raised and, on October 22nd, 1827, a recommendation was made to the Board of County Commissioners suggesting the East Half of the North West Quarter of Section 24 in Township 5 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridan, as the best calculated location for the permanent "Seat of Justice" of said county. In accordance with such recommendation the Board of County Commissioners entered an order establishing such location as the County Seat, and Joel Manning of Jackson County, William T. Swanwick of Swanwick, and Humphrey B. Jones of Pinckneyville were appointed as a committee to lay out lots, streets and alleys, with a public square, under which Order the Original Plat of Pinckneyville was made and recorded. Direct descendents of Humphrey B. Jones are presently members of the Pinckneyville United Methodist Church. Prior to the platting of the town, the land so selected was purchased from the United States of America by the County Commissioner. Pinckneyville was named for Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, born in Charleston, S. C. in 1746 and prominent in the Revolutionary War period.

The first court house was erected in 1828 on the site now occupied by Holt, House, DeMoss and Johnson, being the south part of Lot 32 in the original survey of Pinckneyville. The second court house was erected in 1837 on the public square or on the site of the present building. The third court house was erected in 1849 and remained until 1878 when the fourth court house was erected. The present court house was dedicated in 1939.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PINCKNEYVILLE, ILLINOIS

Rev. James H. Dickens, the first Methodist circuit preacher in Perry County, of whom there is knowledge, remained in said county two years (1837-1838) laboring to build and establish Methodism.. He traveled on horseback through heat and cold, over a thinly settled country, organizing small societies and forming what was known for many years as the Pinckneyville Circuit.

A small Methodist Society was organized in Pinckneyville by Rev. James H. Dickens and the Rev. John Van Cleve, Presiding Elder. This society was composed of Dr. Humphrey B. Jones, and Harriet Jones, his wife, Isaac Carmack, and Sally Carmack, his wife, Benjamin Hammack and Sarah Hammack, his wife, Aaron Holman and Patsey Holman, his wife, and Calvin Edwards and Fannie Edwards, his wife.

The first meetings of the Society were held in the home of Dr. H. B. Jones, and afterwards for a time, in the court house. From the court house, the services were removed to the school house, and thence to a public meeting house known as the Temperance Hall, which they used as a place of worship for a number of years, as did other denominations.

PINCKNEYVILLE CHURCH SITES

In Deed Record "D" at page 189 appears a deed from Humphrey B. Jones, and his wife, Harriet Jones, to John Steel, Charles L. Starbuck and William Edwards, for and in behalf of Protection Division No. 177 of Sons of Temperance, dated Sept. 30th, 1849 conveying a track on the west side of south Main street in Pinckneyville about 150 feet South of the intersection of Mulberry and Main Streets, described as the North half of lot 94 in H. B. Jones addition to Pinckneyville. The deed recites that it is made on condition that a house be erected within one year for the use of Orthodox Christians in the lower story forever. The deed further provides that the building to be erected shall be 36 feet long and 26 feet wide, and two stories high. This is the property generally known as the old "Temperance Hall", used for a time by the Methodist Society before the erection of its first church. In the late eighteen nineties the building ceased to be used for meetings of any kind and between 1900 and 1905 the roof caved in and the building was razed.

By 1850 the circuit had grown to be a charge of fourteen appointments named as follows: Pinckneyville, Du Quoin, Tamaroa, Six Mile, Greenwoods, Wooley's, Vergennes (Jackson County) Anderson's, Fallon's, Benson's School House, Johnson's School house, Minson's, Jenkin's and

Campbell's. Prominent among these appointments were Pinckneyville, Du Quoin, and Tamaroa. In the year 1845 a Methodist Society was organized in Old Du Quoin by Rev. Americus Don Carlo and in 1863 the church was established in Du Quoin with Rev. T. N. Johnson as pastor.

FIRST CHURCH SITE

The first Methodist church was built in the year 1857 under the ministry of Rev. G. B. Cullom. It was a plain frame building, 30 x 40 feet in size, which was large enough for the congregation in those early years of the community and the church. This church served as a place of worship for about 25 years by which time it became inadequate for the needs of the growing congregation, and not being centrally located, the congregation determined to build another church in a better location.

In deed Records "H" at page 449 appears a deed from James L. Mann and Sarah J. Mann, his wife, to Robert Fallon, John Anderson, George N. Taffey, B. W. Jones, and Jacob Opp, Trustees of the Methodist Church of Pinckneyville, Illinois, dated October 14th, 1856, conveying the Northwest Quarter of Lot 63 in Pinckneyville. I find that on March 18th, 1859 the Trustees of the Church executed a mortgage on said premises, and the church was probably erected sometime between the date of purchase of such church site and the execution of the said mortgage. This site is on the east side of North Main Street and is east of the present residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Epplin, at one time known as the A. L. Gabel home. This property was sold by the trustees to Samuel H. Woodson and Robert E. Woodson on September 14th, 1883 as appears by deed of record in Deed Record 14 at page 391.

SITE OF SECOND AND PRESENT CHURCHES

In the year 1881, under the supervision of Rev. W. H. Tyner, resident pastor, work was begun on the construction of a new church and the corner stone was laid May 17th, 1881. Owing to a severe drought in that year the church building was not completed until May 21, 1882, when it was dedicated by Rev. C. Nash, Presiding Elder, assisted by the Pastor W. H. Tyner, and Rev. James H. Dickens. This church was of brick construction, located at the northeast corner of Mill and South Streets, and facing South on South Street.

Under date of March 17th, 1881 Thomas S. Campbell and Susan Campbell his wife, csonveyed to Charles H. Roe, M. C. Edwards, Lewis

Trefftzs, Griffin Johnson, J. N. Sullivan, William J. Magatagan and Robert Q. Thompson, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pinckneyville, Ill. Lots 9 and 10 in Block 1 of Melissa Carter's First Addition to Pinckneyville, Illinois, which was the site of the second church and also of the present church building. These lots are each 50 feet (east and west) by 130 feet north and south, making a parcel of property 100 feet on South Street by 130 feet on Mill Street, in Pinckneyville.

In Deed Record 55 at page 288 appears a Warranty Deed from Thomas Turner, a single man to T. L. Wallace, F. S. Kugler, P. A. Gruner. H. R. Schulze and R. V. Fallon, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pinckneyville, Ill., and their successors in office, dated July 6th, 1906, conveying the West half of Lot 11 in Block 1 in Mellissa Carter's First Additilon to the City of Pinckneyville, Ill. By this deed the church acquired an additional 25 feet on south Street.

The first parsonage was built in 1907 East of the Church. It was used from 1900 until 1935.

BUILDING OF THIRD CHURCH

In 1907 under the pastorate of Rev. John H. Davis, one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church was held, at which time there were a great many conversions and admissions to the church. The old church became wholly inadequate, and it was found necessary to erect a new place of worship. On July 10, 1907, the work of tearing down the old building began and, as soon as the old building was razed, the construction of the new building began under the supervision of W. W. Winn, contractor. The cornerstone of the new church was laid on the 17th day of October 1907 and the first meeting in the new church was a meeting of the Epworth League held in the basement on January 7ith, 1908 under the leadership of Mrs. William O. Edwards.

The following persons were present at said meeting: Mrs. William O. Edwards, leader Rev. J. H. Davis, pastor, William O. Edwards, Joseph H. Davis, Thomas E. Barringer, Solon Kugler, Mrs. Solon Kugler, Hazel Hamm, Fay Davis, Enos Williams, Mrs. Enos Williams, Ethel Biby, Ernestine Biby, Nellie Davidson, Anna Kugler, Emily Kugler, Mrs. Edward Bartle, Clara Bouls, Mrs. Thomas L. Wallace, Mrs. John Bart, Lizzie Bart Conaty, Harry Ragland, Fay Biby Stumpe, Beulah Biby, Berthal Jimmy Quillman, May Turner, Lilly Davis, Flora Heisler, Mable Sawyer Edwards, Beulah Davis and John D. Roe. The church was dedicated on Sunday, June 7th, 1908, preceded by a week of evening services. The dedicatorial sermon was delivered by Dr. William D. Parr. Among the ministers taking part in the week's services were the following: P. H. Hearn, Ressho Robertson, A. G. Proctor, J. W. Fling, C. E. McCammon, Levi Walker, William D. Parr, J. H. Jones, and W. W. Edwards, all under the direction of the resident

Pastor, John H. Davis. The following musical numbers were rendered at the dedication services on Sunday. Vocal duet by Mrs. Enos Williams and Miss Ernestine Roe, a violin solo by Edward Wagner, and a vocal solo by Miss Fannie Roe of St. Louis, Mo.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH SITE

In Deed Record "V" at page 349 appears a deed dated December 30th, 1869 conveying to the Trustees of "The German Methodist Episcopal Church of Pinckneyville, Ill., Lot (1) in Melissa Carter's Addition to the City of Pinckneyville, Ill., located at the southeast corner of Randolph and Douglas Streets.

In Deed Record 55 at page 521 appears a deed from August F. Spoenemann and Henry Schulze, the only surviving Trustees of the German Methodist Episcopal church of Pinckneyville, Ill., to Charles Sawyer, dated November 10th, 1904, conveying said Lot One. It thus appears that the German Methodist Church of Pinckneyville was organized about the year 1869 and was disbanded sometime prior to November 10th, 1904. I was informed by Mrs. Mary Schoch that the German Methodist Church was disbanded about the year 1892, or rather the German and English churches were merged about that time.

"OLD ACADEMY" SITE

Inquiry has been made relative to the school known as the "Old Academy" and I have attempted to ascertain some information relative to the same. I find of record a deed from Melissa Carter and husband to Samuel Schultz, Isaac Kimzey and J. B. McDonald, Trustees of first Presbyterian Church of Pinckneyville, Ill., dated Oct. 25th, 1870, conveying Lot Twelve in Block One in Melissa Carter's First Addition to Pinckneyville. Sometime after the building was erected on this property, Rev. Holding, pastor of the Methodist Church, started a school in the building, known as "The Academy" until the building burned down. I am unable to learn when the building burned but the records disclose that the property was acquired by Thomas Turner in 1877.

1882 DEDICATION HISTORY

Before discussion of our present Church, I will include the following account of the 1882 dedication history. This is a copy of the history of the

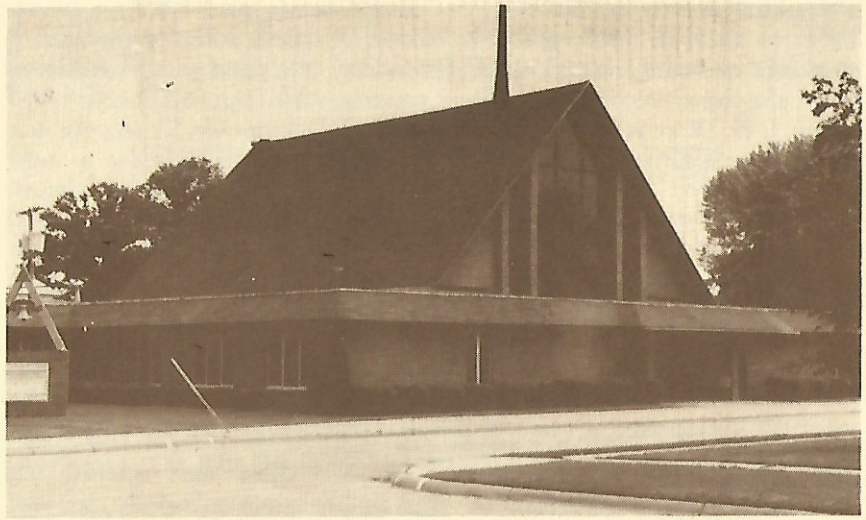
Methodist Church in Pinckneyville, Illinois, as compiled by Rev. W. H. Tyner in the year 1882, probably read at the dedication of the second church of said congregation, dedicated in May 1882, and which appears in one of the church records of members, marriages and baptisms, to wit:

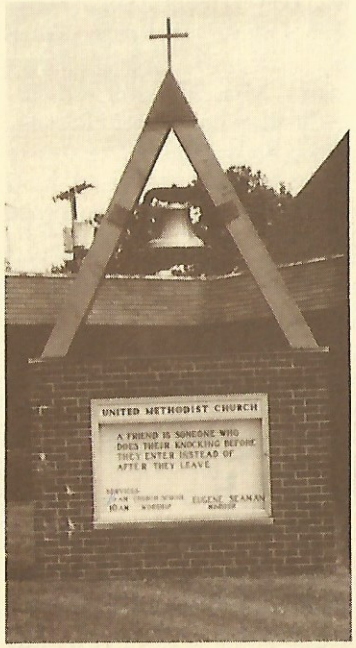
Rev. J. H. Dickens who now lives, age 72, in Jacksonville, Ill. was the first Methodist preacher who ever preached in Pinckneyville, as far as now known. He says: "In the fall of 1837 I was sent to form a Nashville circuit. Nashville and some three other small societies had been cut off from Mt. Vernon Ct. and assigned to me as a nucleus for a new charge. Sometime in the winter of 1837 and 1838 I visited and preached my first sermon in Pinckneyville, put up at Father Jones (Humphrey B. Jones). If there had been Methodist preachers there before I do not recollect. If so it was only occasionally; no pastor had ever been sent there. I was the first one. I stayed two years on the Nashville Ct. which included Pinckneyville. During the year 1838 I organized a small society in Pinckneyville, at the Old Court House. John Van Cleve was my Presiding Elder my first year and A. E. Phipps my second".

The class as organized by brother Dickens was composed of the following members as far as we can gather from the oldest members of the church of today: Isaac Carmack was the Class Leader, and the members were Humphrey B. Jones, Harriet Jones (his wife), Ben J. Hammack, Sarah Hammack, Amanda Hammack, Calvin and Fannie Edwards, Betsy Hammack, Luther Beal, Mrs. Beal, Mary Beal, Aaron A. Holman, Patsy Holman, Salema Jones, Sarah Jones, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Sylvester Adams, Mrs. Isaac Carmack, Rachel Pen and Mrs. Rice. Brother and Sister Holman, we believe, are the only surviving member of the above class. The others have gone home. When the Old Court House became unsafe to hold meetings in, our people worshiped in the lower room of the Temperance Hall, which was used generally for religious meetings.

BUILDING OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN PINCKNEYVILLE

The Methodists built their first house of worship at the north end of town on the east side of the Nashville Road, inthe year 1857 during the ministry of Rev. G. W. Cullom. It was a frame building 30 x 40 feet and has been the most sacred spot in Pinckneyville to the Methodist Church and her friends for nearly thirty years. Robert Fallon, of precious memory, contracted the building of the old church. The old church has long been too incommodious




UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO DOES THEIR KNOCKING BEFORE THEY ENTER INSTEAD OF AFTER THEY LEAVE
EUGENE SEAMAN

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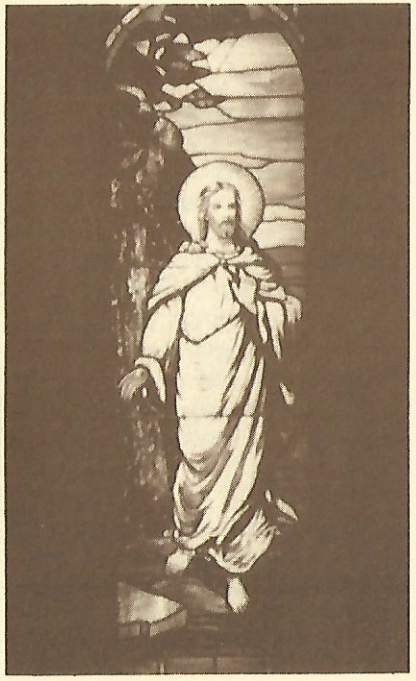
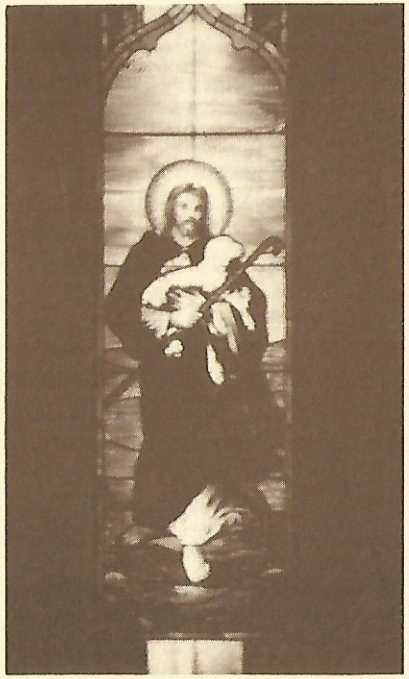




to properly accomodate the congregation or the sabbath school.

At the close of a good revival, in the month of February, 1881, a subscription was started by W. H. Tyner for the building of a new Methodist Church in Pinckneyville. The subscription reached nearly $2000 and the work was begun in early spring. On May 17, 1881 the corner stone was laid by Rev. J. A. Scarrett, the then presiding Elder of the District. The work was carried forward gradually, as the year 1881 was the hardest financially Southern Illinois ever experienced, (there being half a crop of wheat and no corn to speak of in Perry County), until May 21, 1882 when the new Church was dedicated to the worship of God by Rev. C. Nash, the Presiding Elder Mt. Vernon District, assisted by Rev. J. H. Dickens and A. B. Rohrbough. The new Church cost $3000; $830 was raised on the day of dedication. Dedication Day was a day to be long remembered by Pinckneyville Methodists as a day of rejoicing and triumph.

The Church is a beautiful 21½ x 52 feet. The brick work was done by J. M. Bayless, the carpentry by Wm. G. Wilson, the plastering by A. T. Jenner, and the painting by Sidney Johnson. It is a model of neatness and beauty and stands as a monument of the liberality of Pinckneyville Methodists, built as it was during the financial pressure of 1881 and 1882. May it stand for the years to come as a most sacred place of worship for the people of Pinckneyville and vicinity. May 1882. W. H. Tyner, Compiler.

PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING

Under the ministry of Rev. Leroy Pittman, the Congregation realized the need for a new Church and Parsonage. The old parsonage was razed to allow for a larger building site.

In Deed Record 239 at pages 21 and 22 of the records of Perry County, Illinois, appears a warranty deed from Harry Lewis, a widower, to Wilson Roe, Lacy Dunn, Dean Bartle, J. L. Denton, Harry Goddard, Dan Cagle, Lawerence Rabe, and Jim Thomas, and their successors in office and assigns, as Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church of Pinckneyville, Ill., dated Dec. 30, 1965, conveying Lot 12 and the East half of lot 11 in Block 1 of Mellissa Carter's First Addition to the City of Pinckneyville, Ill., being a parcel 75 feet east and west of 130 feet north and south; constituting the east 75 feet of our present Church site. This purchase enlarged the Church property to 200 feet east and west on South Street and 130 feet north and south on Mill Street.

The building program officially began on September 26, 1965 and was completed in the Spring of 1970. The Action Dates of this project were:

September 26, 1965-----The Quarterly Conference and the Congregational Meeting voted to purchase the site at 106 West South Street on which to build the new parsonage.

Mary 10, 1966-----The Quarterly Conference and the Congregational

Meeting voted to approve the recommednation of the Parsonage Committee and begin construction.

November 30, 1967-----Capital Funds Crusade for the Building Program to which the congregation subscribed $130,867.00 toward a goal of $110,000.00.

September 8, 1968-----The oOfficial Board voted to Recommend to the Quarterly Conference and Congregational Meeting and to authorize the Building Committee to enter into contracts for the construction of the Church.

September 22, 1968----Ground breaking Service for the new Church.

December 7, 1969------First Service was conducted in the Sanctuary.

December 14, 1969----The Laying of the Corner stone.

Spring of 1970-----Completion of the West wing.

January 30, 1977----Dedication of the Church Building having completed the payment of the Mortgage December 28, 1976.

The dedication day services began at the 10 A.M. service on January 30, 1977. Rev. James Simms was the resident Minister. Participating Ministers were Rev. James T. Bryant, Rev. Billy Gene Hahs, and Rev. Leroy Pittman. A noon dinner was served at the Church. The actual Dedication Services were held at 2:30 that afternoon. Bishop Leroy Hodapp conducted the Service and was assisted by Rev. James C. Simms, Rev. Leroy Pittman, and Rev. Boyd Wagner.

THE WOMEN'S HERITAGE

The following is an account of The Women's Heritage of our Church. It was compiled by the United Methodist Women.

From the early days of our local Methodist Church, the women have been very active. Recorded meetings from the year 1912 is our reference, when The Ladies Aid, with approximately twenty members organized. During the years 1969 thru 1901, when the Rev. J. W. Franklin was pastor, the Women were building their treasury, although no minutes were recorded. Mrs. Mary Schock (mother of Blain Schock) was the President.

The burden of the church finances was supported by the diligent work of these women. Money was scarce. With donations of foods, quilting, serving banquets to Rotary, teachers, Doctor's groups, Women's club, Alumnis, Ice Cream socials, money was raised.

From 1912 until 1928, twelve bazaars were held. 1915-1938 produced a total amount of $3,572.08. Quilts were done for as little as $1.25 each. Quilt shows were held in the Old Kunz Opera House. Ice cream socials were held on the Court House lawn with good attendance.

The women paid for the water, coal, repair work, roofing the parsonage, custodian labor, insurances, purchased stoves, and prepared dinners for Ministers at holliday time.

The strong faith of these women laid the foundation for the Women's Society of Christian Service from 1941-1973 when the United Methodist Women was formed. In 1931 the Queen Esther's organized; The Weslyn Service Guild from 1943-1955; and the Sunshine Circle in 1966.

LIVING MINISTRY FUND

The Living Ministry Fund was established in 1982. This Fund was made possible by a bequest of $118,000.00 from the Lillian Mathews Estate. Many projects and benevolences have been funded from this source. The Church van was financed in this manner in 1985.

Many additional bequests have been added to the Fund.

BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The following is a list of the events that occured in our local church during our bi-centennial celebration.

September 1983----Old Fashioned Home-Made Ice Cream & Cake Social Bi-Centennial hick-off and fund raiser was held.

1984----Bi-Centennial signs were added to the four Methodist signs at the entrances to Pinckneyville.

February 1984----A Family Night pot-luck dinner was held and a film on Methodist History was shown.

July 1984----Children attending vacation Bible School received a Bi-Centennial pencil as a gift.

August 1984----A "Camp-Meeting" was held at the Pinckneyville Fairgrounds. Rev. Dale Catlon of Monmouth, Illinois was our guest speaker in the "Peter Cartwright" style. Colonial and Frontier costumes were appropriately worn and some people came on horseback. A community choir was formed and sang those "ol' time religion" songs. The stage was lighted with kerosene lamps; hats, aprons, and string ties were made by the United Methodist Women and distributed to all our congregation. Bulletins were made and a history of Methodism in Pinckneyville was inserted. A true feeling of the past Church was experienced by those participating.

Through the year, Bi-Centennial souvenirs were sold--coffee mugs, charms, pencils, and napkins.

November 1984----A Candlelight "Inspirational Renewal Service" at the church was held. Rev. Gene Seaman gave the message and the service was conducted as was the custom of the early Church.

February 1985----"Looking into the Third Century" - District Superintendent William Lewis talked concerning the future of the church. The Church purchased a set of 17 books; several written by Alan K. Waltz

who is associate general secretary of the United Methodist General Council on Ministries in Dayton, Ohio. They are to be kept in the church library and made available to the congregation.

Copies of the first sixteen books of Conference Journals from 1855 - 1874 and 1890 were made for our library.

An updated and printed history of the Methodist Church in Pinckneyville was begun.

A scrapbook of pictures and news clippings concerning the Bi-Centennial was formulated.

June 16, 1985----Dedication services were held in the Church for two secretary desks to be placed and used in the narthex, a kneeling bench, and an alter vase. The desks were donated by Mrs. Juanita Harris (in memory of Bob Harris) and Calvin and Jean Ibendahl (in memory of their 25th wedding anniversary). The bench was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garner in memory of their son Tommy. The vase was donated by the family of Maud Gruner in her memory. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed after the service.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Early Ministers in the order they served.

J. H. Dickens--James I. Richardson--James M. Massey--R. J. Nall--D. H Hatton--R. C. Norton--Americus Don Carlos--J. M. Gore--Wm. Gill--G. W. Fairbanks--Mosses Shepard--J. M. Haley--J. Johnson--T. C. Lopas--G. W. Cullom--Wm. Owen--D. B. Van Winkle--J. W. Phillips--O. H. Clark--T. N. Johnson--Father Calender--J. H. Hill--L. S. Walker--Wm. Bruner-- J. S. Barnes--M. P. Wilkin--L. W. Thrall--C. B. Holding--A. B. Rohrbough--W. H. Tyner--J. D. Hennessey--J. H. Jones.

	Ministers from 1900
J. H. Davis	1905-1909
F. L. Thompson	1910-1912
H. W. Smoot	1912-1916
John Shafer	1916-1921
W. A. Reese	1921-1923
B. H. Batsen	1923-1925
Herman Shoaff	1925-1927
J. S. Dever	1927-1932
F. F. Otto	1932-1934
S. A. Mathews	1934-1936
Walter Fahnestock	1936-1941
James T. Bryant	1941-1946
M. A. Souers	1946-1956
Billy Gene Hahs	1956-1962
Leroy Pittman	1962-1973
James C. Simms	1973-1979

James W. Owens 1979-1983
Eugene M. Seaman 1983-

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The final section of this project is a collection of answeres, which were solicited from current members, to the questions, "Do you remember when--?" You may not recognize the names involved, but each of you have known people who fit the situations. No order of any kind is intended.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN:

$2000 was donated by the Church to equip a room at the hospital?

the Sunshine Circle was organized? (1966)

there were two Methodist Churches in Pinckneyville? (During the Civil War)

the first Church in 1957, or 1882, or 1908, or 1977?

open house at the Parsonage in 1984 ? (beautiful)

lightening hitting the Church in 1976?

Bill Crawford Sr. and Hugo Dudenbostle playing violin duets in Sunday School?

Bible School--when you attended?

Dr. Edwards signing, "His Eye is on the Sparrow"?

Billy Haas preaching over the noise of his youngest son Jamie, and succeeding?

Marie Modglin playing the organ, or Jane Taffee Jones, or Jean Crawford?

Sunday night service at the old Church with Viola Echols at the piano?

Rev. Souers hooking his thumbs into his vest to begin another classic.

Rev. Simms leading another Current River expedition?

Mr. Sawyer ringing the bell on Sunday Morning, or J. R. Runion, or Ralph Reidelberger, or Virgil Talley?

the black topping of the alley?

Ladies Aid organized in 1912?

Alice Corbin missing Sunday School? (I don't)

Rev. Leroy Pittman with Dark hair?

Leroy ever being anything but nice?

ice cream socials in the Church yard?

Rev. Simms organizing the Church softball league in 1974?

two choir directors at one time? (John and Vickie Tavernier)

Chuck Davis playing Santa Clause?

Chuck Roe directing the choir and sneaking out for a smoke after the anthem?

Meeting in the home of Humphrey Jones for the first Methodist services in Pinckneyville?

the new roof in 1982?

the roof not leaking?

where the old parsonage was moved? (hint-East of 1st Baptist on St. Louis Street)

John Bayer Purcell singing in Church?

the dedication service for the choir piano and the choir appreciation dinner in 1975? (130 attended)

John Roe's Mens Sunday School Class--40 plus members?

The Lueskes holding down the back pew?

Church Picnics at the Fairgrounds?

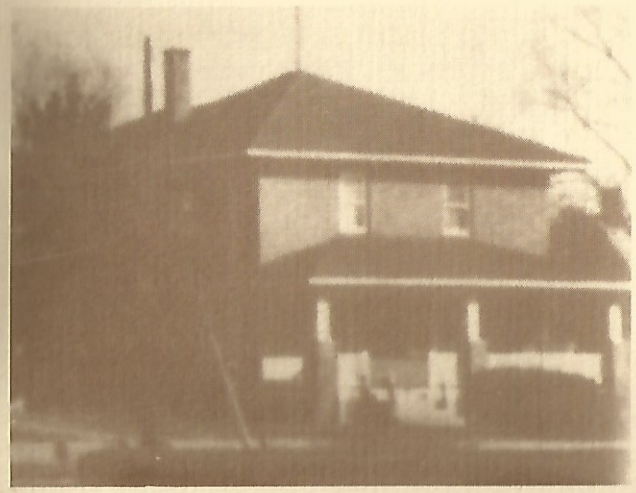
Easter Sunrise Service and the breakfast afterwards? (you can still attend both)

CLOSING COMMENT

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN, AS LONG AS YOU CAN.....JOHN WESLEY

First Parsonage

1900 - 1935
(Approximate)
(On Present Site)
Rev. J. H. Davis
and Son



Second Parsonage

1935 - 1968

Present Parsonage